

Failure of Attempt at Compromise Leaves Country in Mood

NO PREDICTION OF NEXT STEP

Little Possibility of Settlement
Unless Government Appeals

London, July 24.—Formal announcement that the Buckingham Palace conferees on home rule could not bridge the narrow difficulties which separated the Ulsterites and the Nationalists on the Irish home rule bill was made to King George to-day by the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. James Lowther, and to the House itself by Premier Asquith.

While the failure of the King's attempt to bring about a compromise was well known on Wednesday, the fact that the party leaders continued to discuss the question of a possible kindled famine throughout the country, that the deadlock might yet be broken, the

definite fall of the curtain on the monarch's plan to bring face to face the men who are most prominently responsible for the sensational crimes leave the country in a mood of deeper pessimism.

No one attempts to predict what the next step may be. No one sees any possibility of a settlement of the dispute unless it be by the government appealing to a verdict of the country.

The information made public by the Premier was brief and unsatisfying as to details. He said only:

"I have to inform the House that the conference summoned by His Majesty, the King, held four meetings, on the 21st, 22d, 23d and 24th of July, respectively. The possibility of defining an area to be excluded from the

operation of the government of Ireland was considered. The conference being unable to agree, citation in principle or in detail, upon such an article brought its proceedings to a conclusion.

The report was drawn up by the Speaker, the chairman of the conference, and presented to His Majesty the King."

Mr. Asquith added only that the amending bill, which the House of Lords recently returned to the House of Commons, would be taken up next Wednesday.

The final session of the conference to-day was the shortest of any held. The conferees arrived at 11 o'clock, but the business of the session did not begin until half-past 11, as John

Redmond, through a misunderstanding, was half an hour late. Discussion of the Ulster situation lasted only four minutes.

**REPORT OF FAILURE
CAUSES NO SURPRISE**

Belfast, July 21.—Official announcement to-day of the failure of the Buckingham Palace conference of home rule caused no excitement here.

The leading business men, clergy, men, bankers and manufacturers who had declared for an antihome ruin movement were unanimous to-night in endorsing the uncompromising attitude of Sir Edward Carson and Captain James Craig in demanding the total and permanent exclusion of Ulster from the workings of the home ruin.

The Ulster provisional government awaits orders from Sir Edward and Captain Craig, who still are in London. It is believed here the next step will be a general mobilization of the volunteer force, as a kind of "armed demonstration," which may impress the government. If the government still is unyielding, it appears certain, according to declarations by prominent Ulstermen, that a provisional government

MINORITY IS IN FAVOR

OF AN ARMED REPUBLIC

The belligerent minority has desired to seize the town and to establish a republic and conduct a kind of armed republic under martial law, but the council has refused to do so. The council ruled them, Belfast probably will be policed by volunteers drawn from four companies of men who are known as the "town guard." The State's demands also will furnish a quota of 10,000 men, fully armed, for the second year.

A so-called special service corps, consisting of about 40,000 men will come into being. The council has decided. This force will be ready to rush to any quarter of Ulster where the Nationalists desire to put their government into effect and enforce local laws.

troops. It is understood the police in Belfast probably will be withdrawn and a provisional government is set up, thus leaving everything in the hands of the volunteers.

The brevity of the conference indicates how firm the deadlock was. The usual official secrecy was maintained, but apparently the secrets have been disseminated through a widening circle.

INSIST ON CONSTANTLY
IMPROVING YOURSELF

PROCLAIMED "CLEAN CUT"
Seemingly in accord with Carson and Captain Lusk, insistence on their constantly proclaimed "clean cut" of the whole of Ulster from the proposed Dublin government. The Nationalist represented by John Redmond and John Dillon, were willing, it is believed, to concede the exclusion of Ulster counties by popular vote, provided any of the counties excluded were given the opportunity of voting for inclusion at a later date. Tyrone has been the bone

The House of Lords' amending bill, which embodied the concessions the government is prepared to offer, will come before the House of Commons on Tuesday. The talk in the lobby of the House to-night was that the Premier will say that the government is prepared to proceed with the amending bill in its original form if he believes the House of Lords is prepared to re-

receive it as a peace measure. If not, he will withdraw it, and the home rule bill, unamended, will become a law and be presented to the King for his signature. The Premier may then advise the King to dissolve Parliament and a general election would follow.

The passage of the home rule bill without amendments, excluding any part of Ireland from its provisions, would be the signal for Ulster to start its provisional government.

ARMAGH VOLUNTEERS
WARNED TO BE READY
FOR MOBILIZATION
Armagh, Ireland, July 24.—A warning was issued to-day to the Ulster volunteers to be ready for instant mobilization.